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2017-2018 SCHOLARSHIP GUIDE

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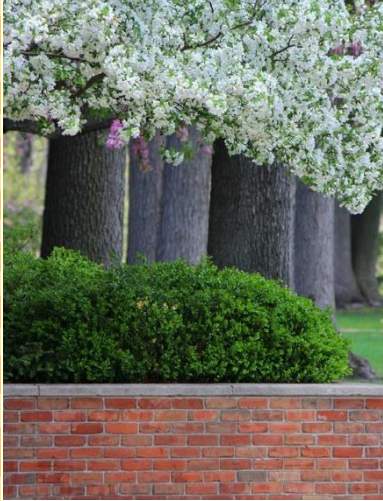
Welcome to MCC!

Muskegon Community College (MCC) is committed to putting academic excellence and success within your reach. MCC and the Foundation for Muskegon Community College work with generous friends, organizations, businesses, and academic departments to establish these scholarships to help you succeed in achieving your educational goals. Scholarships are designed to:

- Recognize talent, leadership and academic excellence.
- Provide financial assistance.
- Encourage you to start or continue a college education, receive training to become more employable, or to advance within a particular career.

Our goal is to provide a clear process for the scholarship process. Please note the following when applying for MCC scholarships:

1. Information in this scholarship guide is accurate as of October 2016. Please visit www.muskegoncc.edu/scholarships to learn about new scholarships, updated criteria, and other changes before submitting your application.
2. Admission to Muskegon Community College is required for scholarship consideration. The **free** application is available online at www.muskegoncc.edu simply click on “Apply Now,” in the right hand corner and you’re on your way!
 - Step 1: Fill out the online application
 - Step 2: Fill out financial aid forms at www.fafsa.ed.gov
 - Step 3: Take the placement test or send us a copy of your ACT/SAT scores
 - Step 4: Attend a mandatory New Student Orientation
 - Step 5: Make a counseling appointment by calling (231) 777-0362
 - Step 6: Register and pay for classes (watch for payment deadlines) and/or set up the FACTS Payment Plan to secure classes
3. You must attach a copy of your current transcript. If in high school, submit your most recent high school transcript. If in college, submit your most recent college transcript.
4. It is recommended that all students complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Completion of this form is required for several scholarships. Complete the application online at www.fafsa.ed.gov and be sure to enter Muskegon Community College school code, 002297.
5. We are here to help! If you need assistance, please call MCC’s Enrollment Services at (231) 777-0366.
6. Scholarship recipients must send a thank you letter to the donor. Letters should be mailed to Muskegon Community College, Room 400, 221 S. Quarterline Rd., Muskegon, MI 49442. Samples of thank you letters are available at www.muskegoncc.edu/scholarships.



Muskegon Community College

2017-2018 General Scholarship Application

Applicant's Name: _____ Birthdate: _____
(please print)

SSN # (last four digits) or MCC Student ID #: _____ E-mail address: _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Township (if applicable): _____ Phone Number: _____

High School: _____ High School Graduation/GED Date: _____

Planned College Major/Career Goal: _____

A complete scholarship application package includes:

- SCHOLARSHIPS: Please check the appropriate boxes on the reverse of this application.
- ESSAY: All Scholarships require the GENERAL essay unless otherwise noted in the scholarship description.
General Essay: 300-500 words explaining what your career goal is and what experiences have led you to this?
- TRANSCRIPTS: If you are in high school, submit your most recent high school transcript, otherwise your most recent college transcript. Transcripts must be attached to your application.
- APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION: Be sure your admission application is on file at MCC.
- FAFSA: Complete your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), if required.
- OTHER INFORMATION: Be sure to review scholarship requirements and include any additional information such as letters of recommendation.
- LIST any clubs, memberships, activities or jobs you have held. Attach an additional sheet listing Activity/ Employer, Dates Participated, Offices Held/Job Title, and Special Awards.

Please visit www.muskegoncc.edu/scholarships for a detailed description of each scholarship

By signing this application, you give Muskegon Community College permission to forward your application to outside parties affiliated with the scholarships for which you are applying and providing MCC and the Foundation for MCC with permission to announce your name, hometown, photo, and any scholarships you receive in college communications.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Applications without all requirements completed will not be considered. Information in this scholarship guide is accurate as of publication date in October 2016. Please visit muskegoncc.edu/scholarships to learn about new scholarships, updated criteria, and other changes before submitting your application package.

See individual scholarships for deadlines and submit application materials to:

Muskegon Community College, 221 S. Quarterline #108, Muskegon MI 49442

Or

Admissions@muskegoncc.edu



Muskegon Community College 2017-2018 Scholarship Application

Please review criteria carefully and be sure to submit any additional essays, applications, or other required materials with this form. Please indicate the scholarships for which you are applying below. Also, visit www.muskegoncc.edu/scholarships for more scholarships.



Incoming Freshman Scholarships:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Amos Nordman Foundation Scholarship (G) | <i>applications accepted anytime</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brenda Gardner/ADAC Scholarship (S) | <i>March 3, 2017</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wayne and Linda Barrett Scholarship (G) | <i>March 3, 2017</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Collet Scholarship Fund (S) | <i>March 3, 2017</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> George and Mary Dake Scholarship | <i>March 3, 2017</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ted DeBower Mathematics and Science Scholarship Fund (G) | <i>March 3, 2017</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gene Haas Scholarship (S) | <i>March 3, 2017</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MCC Alumni Legacy Scholarship (S) | <i>March 3, 2017</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MCC Alumni/Sigma Iota Gamma Fraternity Scholarship (S) | <i>March 3, 2017</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spencer Norman Scholarship of the Muskegon Heights Branch Library (S) | <i>March 3, 2017</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pay It Forward (S) | <i>March 3, 2017</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sun Chemical/United Steel Workers 2-987 A.D. Barnes Scholarship (G) | <i>March 3, 2017</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unity Breakfast Book Scholarship (G) | <i>March 3, 2017</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christopher & Joella VanOosterhout Scholarship (G) | <i>March 3, 2017</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mary Josephine Vukits Nursing Scholarship (S) | <i>March 3, 2017</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Performance Based Scholarships (G) | <i>April 1, 2017</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dale and Connie Nesbary Music Scholarship (G) | <i>April 3, 2017</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dan Burt Memorial Wrestling Scholarship (S) | <i>May 15, 2017</i> |



Current Student Scholarships:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> MCC Faculty Association Nielsen Scholarship (S) | <i>November 11, 2016</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canteen Vending Scholarship (G) | <i>March 3, 2017</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Future Chemists Scholarship (S) | <i>March 3, 2017</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Future Nurses Scholarship (S) | <i>March 3, 2017</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> International Studies Fund | <i>March 3, 2017</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Muskegonites Child Study Club Scholarship (S) | <i>March 3, 2017</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gretchen D. Ogren Family Scholarship (S) | <i>March 3, 2017</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paulsen Scholarship (G) | <i>March 3, 2017</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Larry and Roberta Tetzlaff Scholarship (G) | <i>March 3, 2017</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MCC Faculty Association Memorial Scholarship (G) | <i>March 10, 2017</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MCC Faculty Association Recognition Scholarship (G) | <i>March 10, 2017</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Performance Based Scholarships (G) | <i>April 1, 2017</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MCC Social Science Scholarships (G) | <i>April 3, 2017</i> |

*(G) – General Essay Required

*(S) – Specific Essay Required – Please see www.muskegoncc.edu/scholarships for detailed information on essay requirements.



Foundation for Muskegon Community College Scholarships at the Community Foundation for Muskegon County

The following FMCC funds are administered by the Community Foundation for Muskegon County (CFFMC) for the **specific benefit** of Muskegon Community College students. The application for these scholarships is available at www.cffmc.org/receive/scholarship. An added benefit of applying to this program is that applicants will be considered for all CFFMC scholarships, which are provided by over 280 separate scholarship funds! The deadline for these scholarship is March 1, 2017.

- Foundation for Muskegon Community College General Scholarship
- Muskegon Community College Judith Brooky-Green Scholarship
- Muskegon Community College Herman and Marjorie Dekker Scholarship
- Muskegon Community College Richard Kraft/Suzanne Kraft Mateer scholarship
- Muskegon Community College Kyvig Scholarship
- Muskegon Community College Archie McCrea Scholarship
- Muskegon Community College MHS Class of '46 Scholarship
- Muskegon Community College District Nurses Scholarship
- Muskegon Community College F. Charles Raap Public Service Scholarship
- Muskegon Community College William & Velva Riggs Scholarship
- Muskegon Community College August VanEerden Scholarship
- Muskegon Community College Samuel L. Westerman Scholarship
- Muskegon Community College William H. Young Memorial Scholarship

All applications for Community Foundation for Muskegon County (CFFMC) Scholarships must be sent directly to www.cffmc.org/receive/scholarship

Muskegon Area Promise

The Muskegon Area Promise makes a unique commitment to the young people of Muskegon County – if they work hard they will be able to earn at least a two-year college degree tuition free. The Promise Scholarship is an award promised to resident graduates of high schools within the Muskegon Area Intermediate School District boundaries with a cumulative 3.5 GPA. It provides the financial assistance necessary to obtain a two-year degree or its equivalent at an eligible partnering institution when used in conjunction with federal, state and institutional grants. There is no scholarship application for the PROMISE award. Rather, students will be notified with a letter of eligibility and asked to accept the award in writing each spring. For further information please visit www.muskegonisd.org/career-college/promise/

FAFSA Fridays

Before you begin

To complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), you will need:

- Your Social Security Number.
- Your Alien Registration Number (if you are not a U.S. citizen).
- Your most recent federal income tax returns, W-2s, and other records of money earned. **(Note:** You may be able to transfer your federal tax return information into your FAFSA using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool).
- Bank statements and records of investments (if applicable).
- Records of untaxed income (if applicable).
- An FSA ID to sign electronically.

If you are a dependent student, then you will also need most of the above information for your parent(s).

Muskegon Community College is offering help with the financial aid process for anyone considering attending college in the fall, regardless of which institution they choose. “FAFSA Fridays” at MCC can help you cut through the red tape!

If you are a potential college student, or the parent of a potential college student, odds are you have heard about the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

The earlier you submit the FAFSA, the better. Early applicants generally have a wider variety of financial aid opportunities than those who postpone the completion of the application. Here are the dates and times available:

Month	Date	Year	Time	Location
October	21	2016	1:00P-3:00P	L261&L263
November	4	2016	1:00P-3:00P	L261&L263
November	18	2016	1:00P-3:00P	L261&L263
December	9	2016	1:00P-3:00P	L261&L263
February	3	2017	1:00P-3:00P	L261&L263
February	17	2017	1:00P-3:00P	L261&L263
March	3	2017	1:00P-3:00P	L261&L263
March	17	2017	1:00P-3:00P	L261&L263
March	31	2017	1:00P-3:00P	L261&L263
July	7	2017	1:00P-3:00P	L261&L263
July	21	2017	1:00P-3:00P	L261&L263

Writing Tips

Essay

- Read the instructions and make sure you understand them before you start writing.
- Be original, think about what you are going to write and organize your thoughts before you start writing.
- Pay attention to creating a strong introduction, supporting arguments, and an appropriate conclusion. Every story (including yours) should have a beginning, middle, and end.
- Use clear, concise and simple language throughout the essay. Big words don't necessarily mean big scholarships.
- State your accomplishments without coming across as if you are bragging.
- Make sure your grammar and spelling are impeccable. Spellcheck doesn't always help.
- Read the question again and then read your essay to be certain that the essay addresses every point.
- Have a friend proofread the final version.

Thank You Letter

- Write clearly and concisely.
- Double-check for typos and grammatical errors.
- Express enthusiasm.
- Be sincere.
- Write it typewritten in business format.
- Use quality paper.
- Sign it.

Samples of thank you letters are available at www.muskegoncc.edu/scholarships.

Letters should be mailed to:

Muskegon Community College, Room 400
221 S. Quarterline Rd.
Muskegon, MI 49442

THANK YOU

Thanks to generous donations from alumni, employees, businesses and foundations Muskegon Community College can provide these funds to help you Start, Stay and Succeed.



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Muskegon MI 49442

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